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SUBJECT: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act National Provider Identifier
Type 2 Enumeration Policy and Implementation Plan

This policy memorandum establishes the plan for enumerating organizational (Type 2) health care providers within the Air Force Medical Service as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (Public Law 104-191) National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule (45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 162). The NPI final rule establishes the NPI as the national standard and unique provider identifier. It is to be used throughout the United States healthcare system to identify health care providers in HIPAA-covered standard transactions. The purpose of the NPI is to improve the efficiency of electronic transmission of health information.

Health care providers who conduct HIPAA standard electronic transactions are classified as "covered providers." The final rule identifies two categories of providers, NPI Entity Type 1 and Type 2. NPI Entity Type 1 classification is used for individual providers such as physicians, nurses, and dentists. NPI Entity Type 2 classification identifies organizational providers such as hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, clinics and groups. A separate policy that addressed the enumeration of Entity Type 1, individual providers was distributed to you on 15 Jul 05.

To ensure compliance with DOD policy, AFMS implementation guidance is attached (Attachment 3). My point of contact is SMSgt DeLisa E. Prater, AF/SGYR, DSN 761-6627, or by email: delisa.prater@pentagon.af.mil.

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Attachments:

1. CMS Announcement
2. ASD(HA) Policy 05-012
3. AFMS NPI Type 2 Guidance

Attachment 3

Instructions for Obtaining Entity Type 2 National Provider Identifiers (NPI) for Military Health System (MHS) Organizational Health Care Providers

1. This document addresses the implementation instructions/guidance and mandate for enumerating organizational (Type 2) health care providers within the Military Health System (MHS) as required by the HIPAA National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule 45 CFR. Under provisions of the National Provider final rule, all organizational health care providers conducting HIPAA covered standard electronic transactions (billing) must obtain and use an NPI by **May 2007. In other words, if MTFs do not receive NPIs by 2007, they will not receive payment from third party payers on E-bills.**
2. TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) and representatives of the Services developed this instruction for organizational military health care providers to follow when applying for National Provider Identifiers (NPI) Type 2.
3. Beginning Oct 28, 2005 all MHS organizational health care providers need to begin applying for their NPI Type 2 either by web application via the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) or paper form.
4. In order to facilitate this transition/requirement the AF UBO PM will request through MAJCOM UBO PMs for each MTF (RMO POC) to apply online for the NPI Type 2. Once MTFs receive their NPI number, it should be submitted to both the MAJCOM UBO PM and AF UBO PM. AF UBO PM will ensure that once received, MTF NPI numbers are submitted to the appropriate MHS data base repository, which is currently slated to be DMHRSi.
5. CMS has developed an on-line NPI application available at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. This application should be completed on-line by MTF RMO POCs per the instructions available on the NPPES website. The information collected on the application is used to uniquely identify the health care provider organization. CMS also has paper forms, which can be downloaded in pdf format from the CMS forms page (www.cms.hhs.gov/forms).
6. NPIs will be assigned at no fee by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) NPPES.
7. Organizations may apply for and will receive only one NPI. This NPI will be a permanent identifier, that is unless circumstances justify deactivation, such as a NPI being used fraudulently by another entity. Then, the organization can apply and will be eligible for a new NPI, and the previously assigned NPI will be deactivated. The NPI does not need to be renewed.
8. Organizations can contact AF/SGY with their specific questions at 703-681-6627 or DSN761-6627.
9. The Defense Medical Human Resource System - internet (DMHRSi) has been designated by TMA to be the NPI storage system of record. The AF UBO PM will email the MTF's NPI response to the Central TMA DMHRSi office at NPI@tma.osd.mil. This office is responsible for entering the NPI into DMHRSi.

10. When data originally submitted on the NPI application changes, NPI data in the NPPES must be updated within 30 days of the change in order to remain HIPAA compliant.

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Attachment 2



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(M&RA)

SUBJECT: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act National Provider Identifier Enumeration Process for Military Health System Organizational (Type 2) Health Care Providers

This policy memorandum establishes the plan for enumerating organizational (Type 2) health care providers within the Military Health System (MHS) as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (Public Law 104-191) National Provider Identifier (NPI) final rule (45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 162). In order to institutionalize this policy within the Department of Defense (DoD), a DoD Instruction will follow. The HIPAA NPI final rule establishes the NPI as the standard and unique provider identifier. The NPI is to be used throughout the entire United States health care system to identify health care providers in HIPAA covered standard electronic transactions. The NPI is a ten-position numeric identifier that does not contain intelligence about the provider. The purpose of the NPI is to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the health care industry by enabling more efficient electronic transmission of certain health information.

Under provisions of the NPI final rule, those organizational health care providers conducting HIPAA covered standard electronic transactions are considered "covered providers." They must obtain and use an NPI by May 23, 2007. While "covered providers" are required to obtain and use the NPI, all health care providers as defined by section 1861 (u) of the Act, or a provider of medical or other health services as defined in section 1861 (s) of the Act are eligible to be assigned NPIs and, therefore, may also obtain an NPI.

The NPI final rule also established two categories of health care providers for enumeration purposes. Examples of Entity Type 1 providers are individuals, such as physicians, nurses, dentists, and pharmacists. Examples of Entity Type 2 providers are organizational providers such as hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, clinics, and groups. This policy memorandum addresses the requirements related to Entity Type 2 (organizational) providers. A separate policy to address enumeration of Entity Type 1 (individual) providers was signed on January 26, 2005.

HA POLICY: 05-012

The policy guidance outlining responsibilities of the Military Departments' Surgeons General, military treatment facilities (MTFs), and TRICARE Management Activity's (TMA's) Pharmacy Operations regarding enumeration of MHS organizational providers is found at attachment 1. An example of MTFs requiring an NPI Type 2 is contained in attachment 2.

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Attachments:

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Policy Guidance for National Provider Identifier (NPI) Enumeration of Military Health System (MHS) Type 2 (Organizational) Providers

The following paragraphs outline the responsibilities of the Military Departments Surgeons General, Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and TRICARE Management Activity's (TMA's) Pharmacy Benefit Operations regarding compliance with the NPI final Rule. These responsibilities were developed through analysis of the NPI final rule and the Military Health System's (MHS) current business processes by the NPI Integrated Project Team which included representatives from the Military Departments and TMA.

Types of Organizational Providers Required to Obtain NPIs:

Enumeration of MHS organizational providers will take place in a phased approach beginning with the types of facilities listed below. This list is based on current business processes and the need to identify MHS organizational providers when conducting business using HIPAA electronic standard transactions. An example of MTFs (and their associated provider taxonomies) needing to obtain an NPI Type 2 due to HIPAA electronic transactions for billing is attached. The first phase includes enumeration of the following:

- MTFs with legislative authority to bill including Defense Health Program (DHP) funded facilities and aero medical evacuation system.
- MTF pharmacy dispensing locations that currently have a National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Provider Identification number.

As future business processes are developed, it may be necessary to reevaluate the need to enumerate additional facilities or subparts of a facility. For example, it is possible that future business requirements for conducting or receiving electronic referrals using the HIPAA standard will require the need to identify clinics, subparts or other facilities; therefore the need to implement subsequent phases of enumeration for additional organizational MHS providers is possible and should be anticipated. Any future guidance regarding additional enumeration of MHS organizational providers as a result of changes to business processes will be provided by the business process owners.

Enumeration Responsibilities:

The responsibilities for enumerating of MHS organizational providers will be shared among TRICARE Management Activity's Uniform Business Office (UBO), TMA's Pharmacy Program Office, the Military Departments and MTFs.

TMA UBO Responsibilities:

- Provide guidance to the Military Departments by August 1, 2005 on how to complete the application to apply for an NPI for the MTFs.

Military Department Responsibilities:

- Ensure that current and future MHS organizational providers fitting the description above obtain NPIs.

MTF Responsibilities:

- Designate an entity within each MTF that will be responsible for submitting the initial NPI application and any future NPI data updates to the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).
- MTFs should begin submitting NPI applications to the NPPES starting October 1, 2005.
- Ensure that once received, NPIs are submitted to the appropriate MHS data base / repository prior to May 23, 2007.
- Ensure that if any data submitted on the original NPI application changes that an update is submitted to the NPPES and the TMA database / repository within 30 days of the change.

TMA Pharmacy Program Office Responsibilities:

- Ensure that NPIs are obtained for all current and future pharmacy dispensing locations by either submitting NPI applications for each dispensary location to the NPPES or by coordinating with the NCPDP organization in submission of a batch file by the NCPDP to the NPPES.
- NPI applications for MHS pharmacy dispensing locations should be submitted to the NPPES after July 1, 2005.
- Ensure that once received, NPIs for pharmacy dispensing locations are submitted to the TMA central database of record prior to May 23, 2007.
- Ensure that if any data submitted on the original NPI application changes that an update is submitted to the NPPES and the TMA database / repository within 30 days of the change.

Example of MTFs Expected to obtain NP1 Type 2

DMIS ID	Facility Service	Primary HIPAA Taxonomy	2nd HIPAA	3rd HIPAA	Facility Type Code	DMIS Facility Name	Installation Name	Facility Country Code	Facility State Code
0001 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	FOX AHC-REDSTONE ARSENAL	REDSTONE ARSENAL	US	AL
0003 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	LYSTER ACH-FT. RUCKER	FT. RUCKER	US	AL
0004 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	42ND MEDICAL GROUP-MAXWELL	MAXWELL AFB	US	AL
0005 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	BASSETT ACH-FT. WAINWRIGHT	FT. WAINWRIGHT	US	AK
0006 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	3rd MED GRP-ELMENDORF	ELMENDORF AFB	US	AK
0008 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	R W BLISS AHC-FT. HUACHUCA	FT. HUACHUCA	US	AZ
0009 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	56th MED GRP-LUKE	LUKE AFB	US	AZ
0010 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	355th MED GRP-DAVIS MONTAN	DAVIS MONTAN AFB	US	AZ
0013 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	314th MED GRP-LITTLE ROCK	LITTLE ROCK AFB	US	AR
0014 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	60th MED GRP-TRAVIS	TRAVIS AFB	US	CA
0015 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	9th MED GRP-BEALE	BEALE AFB	US	CA
0018 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	30th MED GRP-VANDENBERG	VANDENBERG AFB	US	CA
0019 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	95th MED GRP-EDWARDS	EDWARDS AFB	US	CA
0024 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	NH CAMP PENDLETON	CAMP PENDLETON	US	CA
0026 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	NACC PORT HUENEME	PORT HUENEME	US	CA
0028 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NH LEMOORE	LEMOORE	US	CA
0029 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NMC SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO	US	CA
0030 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NH TWENTYNINE PALMS	TWENTYNINE PALMS	US	CA
0032 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	EVANS ACH-FT. CARSON	FT. CARSON	US	CO
0033 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	10th MED GROUP-USAF ACADEMY CO	USAF ACADEMY	US	CO
0035 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	NACC GROTON	GROTON	US	CT
0036 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	436th MED GRP-DOVER	DOVER AFB	US	DE
0037 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	WALTER REED AMC-WASHINGTON DC	WASHINGTON DC	US	DC
0038 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NH PENSACOLA	PENSACOLA	US	FL
0039 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NH JACKSONVILLE	JACKSONVILLE	US	FL
0042 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	96th MED GRP-EGLIN	EGLIN AFB	US	FL
0043 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	325th MED GRP-TYNDALL	TYNDALL AFB	US	FL
0045 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	8th MED GRP-MACDILL	MACDILL AFB	US	FL
0046 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	45th MED GRP-PATRICK	PATRICK AFB	US	GA
0047 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	EISENHOWER AMC-FT. GORDON	FT. GORDON	US	GA
0048 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	MARTIN ACH-FT. BENNING	FT. BENNING	US	GA
0049 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	WINN ACH-FT. STEWART	FT. STEWART	US	GA
0050 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	347th MED GRP-MOODY	MOODY AFB	US	GA
0051 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	78th MED GRP-ROBINS	ROBINS AFB	US	GA
0052 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	TRIPLE AMC-FT. SHAFTER	FT. SHAFTER	US	HI
0053 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	366th MED GRP-MOUNTAIN HOME	MOUNTAIN HOME AFB	US	ID
0055 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	375th MED GRP-SCOTT	SCOTT AFB	US	IL
0056 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NH GREAT LAKES	GREAT LAKES	US	IL
0057 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	IRWIN ACH-FT. RILEY	FT. RILEY	US	KS
0058 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	MUNSON AHC-FT. LEAVENWORTH	FT. LEAVENWORTH	US	KS
0059 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	22nd MED GRP-MCCONNELL	MCCONNELL AFB	US	KS
0060 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	BLANCHFIELD ACH-FT. CAMPBELL	FT. CAMPBELL	US	KY
0061 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	IRELAND ACH-FT. KNOX	FT. KNOX	US	KY
0062 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	2nd MED GRP-BARKSDALE	BARKSDALE AFB	US	LA
0064 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	BAYNE-JONES ACH-FT. POLK	FT. POLK	US	LA
0066 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	89th MED GRP-ANDREWS	ANDREWS AFB	US	MD
0067 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	NNMC BETHESDA	BETHESDA	US	MD
0068 N	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	NNMC PATUXENT RIVER	PATUXENT RIVER	US	MD
0069 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	KIMBROUGH AMB CAR CEN-FT. MEADE	FT. MEADE	US	MD
0073 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	81st MED GRP-KEESLER	KEESLER AFB	US	MS
0074 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	14th MED GRP-COLUMBUS	COLUMBUS AFB	US	MS
0075 A	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	L. WOOD ACH-FT. LEONARD WOOD	FT. LEONARD WOOD	US	MO
0077 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	CLINIC	508th MED GRP-WHEATMAN	WHEATMAN AFB	US	MO
0078 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	341st MED GRP-MALMSTROM	MALMSTROM AFB	US	MT
0079 F	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	261QAM1100X	HOSP	55th MED GRP-OFFUTT	OFFUTT AFB	US	NE
					HOSP	99th MED GRP-O'CALLAGHAN	NELLIS AFB	US	NV

Example of MTFs Expected to obtain NPI Type 2

0081	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	PATTERSON AHC-FT. MONMOUTH	FT. MONMOUTH	US	NJ
0083	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	377th MED GRP-KIRTLAND	KIRTLAND AFB	US	NM
0084	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	49th MED GRP-HOLLOMAN	HOLLOMAN AFB	US	NM
0085	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	27th MED GRP-CANNON	CANNON AFB	US	NM
0086	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	KELLER ACH-WEST POINT	WEST POINT	US	NY
0089	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	WOMACK AMC-FT. BRAGG	FT. BRAGG	US	NC
0090	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	4th MED GRP-SEYMOUR JOHNSON	SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB	US	NC
0091	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH CAMP LEJEUNE	CAMP LEJEUNE	US	NC
0092	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH CHERRY POINT	CHERRY POINT	US	NC
0093	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	318th MED GRP-GRAND FORKS	GRAND FORKS AFB	US	ND
0094	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	5th MED GRP-MINOT	MINOT AFB	US	ND
0095	F	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	74th MED GRP-WRIGHT-PATTERSON	WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB	US	OH
0096	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	72nd MED GRP-TINKER	TINKER AFB	US	OK
0097	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	97th MED GRP-ALTUS	ALTUS AFB	US	OK
0098	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	REYNOLDS ACH-FT. SILL	FT. SILL	US	OK
0100	N	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	MACC NEWPORT	NEWPORT	US	RI
0101	F	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	20th MED GRP-SHAW	SHAW AFB	US	SC
0103	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH CHARLESTON	CHARLESTON	US	SC
0104	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH BEAUFORT	BEAUFORT	US	SC
0105	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	MONCRIEF ACH-FT. JACKSON	FT. JACKSON	US	SD
0106	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	28th MED GRP-ELLSWORTH	ELLSWORTH AFB	US	SD
0108	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	WILLIAM BEAUMONT AMC-FT. BLISS	FT. BLISS	US	TX
0109	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	BROOKE AMC-FT. SAM HOUSTON	FT. SAM HOUSTON	US	TX
0110	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	DARNALL ACH-FT. HOOD	FT. HOOD	US	TX
0112	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	7th MED GRP-DYESS	DYESS AFB	US	TX
0113	F	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	82nd MED GRP-SHEPPARD	SHEPPARD AFB	US	TX
0114	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	47th MED GRP-LAUGHLIN	LAUGHLIN AFB	US	TX
0117	F	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	59th MED WING-LACKLAND	LACKLAND AFB	US	TX
0118	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH CORPUS CHRISTI	CORPUS CHRISTI	US	TX
0119	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	75th MED GRP-HILL	HILL AFB	US	UT
0120	F	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	1st MED GRP-LANGLEY	LANGLEY AFB	US	VA
0121	A	2665M2000X	261OM1101X	none	HOSP	MCDONALD ACH-FT. EUSTIS	FT. EUSTIS	US	VA
0122	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	KENNER AHC-FT. LEE	FT. LEE	US	VA
0123	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	DEWITT ACH-FT. BELVOIR	FT. BELVOIR	US	VA
0124	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NMC PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	US	VA
0125	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	MADIGAN AMC-FT. LEWIS	FT. LEWIS	US	WA
0126	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH BREMERTON	BREMERTON	US	WA
0127	N	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH OAK HARBOR	OAK HARBOR	US	WA
0128	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	92nd MED GRP-FAIRCHILD	FAIRCHILD AFB	US	WA
0129	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	90th MED GRP-F.E. WARREN	F.E. WARREN AFB	US	WY
0131	A	2665M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	WEED ACH-FT. IRWIN	FT. IRWIN	US	CA
0203	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	354th MED GRP-EIELSON	EIELSON AFB	US	AK
0248	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	81st MED SQUAD-LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES AFS	US	CA
0280	N	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	NMCL PEARL HARBOR	PEARL HARBOR	US	HI
0287	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	15th MED GRP-HICKAM	HICKAM AFB	US	HI
0297	N	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	MACC NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	US	LA
0310	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	66th MED GRP-HANSCOM	HANSCOM AFB	US	MA
0326	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	305th MED GRP-MCGUIRE	MCGUIRE AFB	US	NJ
0330	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	GLUTHRIE AHC-FT. DRUM	FT. DRUM	US	NY
0335	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	43RD MEDICAL GROUP-POPE	POPE AFB	US	NC
0339	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	71st MED GRP-VANCE	VANCE AFB	US	OK
0352	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	DUNHAM AHC-CARLISLE BARRACKS	CARLISLE BARRACKS	US	PA
0356	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	437th MED GRP-CHARLESTON	CHARLESTON AFB	US	SC
0363	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	311TH MED SQUAD-BROOKS	BROOKS CITY-BASE	US	TX
0364	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	17th MED GRP-GOODFELLOW	GOODFELLOW AFB	US	TX
0366	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	12th MED GRP-RANDOLPH	RANDOLPH AFB	US	TX
0395	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	62nd MED GRP-MCCHORD	MCCHORD AFB	US	WA
0413	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	11TH MED GRP-BOLLING	BOLLING AFB	US	DC
0481	A	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	TMC ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND	ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND	US	MD

Example of MTFs Expected to obtain NPI Type 2

0606	A	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	HEIDELBERG MEDDAC	HEIDELBERG	GM
0607	A	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	LANDSTUHL REGIONAL MEDCEN	LANDSTUHL	GM
0609	A	2865M2000X	261OM1101X	261OM1101X	HOSP	WUERZBURG MEDDAC	WUERZBURG	GM
7139	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	16th MED GRP-HURLBURT FIELD	HURLBURT FIELD	US
7200	F	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	460 MOS-BUCKLEY AFB	BUCKLEY AFB	US
0385	N	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	none	CLINIC	NMCL QUANTICO	QUANTICO	US
0615	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH GUANTANAMO BAY	GUANTANAMO BAY	CU
0616	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH ROOSEVELT ROADS-CEIBA	CEIBA	RO
0617	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH NAPLES	NAPLES	IT
0618	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH ROTA	ROTA	SP
0620	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH GUAM-AGANA	AGANA	GO
0621	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH OKINAWA	OKINAWA	JA
0622	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH YOKOSUKA	YOKOSUKA	JA
0623	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH KEFLAVIK	KEFLAVIK	IC
0624	N	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	NH SIGONELLA	NAS SIGONELLA	IT
0612	A	2865M2000X	261OM1100X	261OM1101X	HOSP	121st GEN HOSP-SEOUL	SEOUL	KS

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Administrator
Washington, DC 20201

National Provider Identifier Activities Begin in 2005

Dear Health Care Provider:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce the availability of a new identifier for use in the standard electronic health care transactions. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be the single provider identifier, replacing the different provider identifiers you currently use for each health plan with which you do business. This identifier, which implements a requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), must be used by most HIPAA covered entities, which are health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers that conduct electronic transactions for which the Secretary has adopted a standard (i.e., standard transactions). This letter will help you to understand the background of this requirement and what steps you need to take to apply for and receive an NPI.

The NPI is one of the steps that CMS is taking to improve electronic transactions for health care. National standards for electronic health care transactions encourage electronic commerce in the health care industry and simplify the processes involved to reduce the administrative burdens on health care providers. With national standards and identifiers in place for electronic claims and other transactions, health care providers will be able to submit transactions to any health plan in the United States. Health plans will be able to send standard transactions such as remittance advices and referral authorizations to health care providers. These national standards will make electronic data interchange a viable and preferable alternative to paper processing for health care providers and health plans alike.

To date, we have adopted and implemented the following HIPAA standards: electronic health care transactions and code sets, privacy, security, and the national employer identifier.

We are now beginning to implement the NPI. On January 23, 2004, the Secretary published a Final Rule that adopted the NPI as this identifier. As of the compliance dates listed below, HIPAA covered entities must use NPIs to identify health care providers in standard transactions. These transactions include claims, eligibility inquiries and responses, claim status inquiries and responses, referrals, and remittance advices.

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Health care providers include individuals, such as physicians, dentists, and pharmacists, and organizations, such as hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, and group practices. Health care providers who transmit health information electronically in connection with any of the standard transactions are required by the NPI Final Rule to obtain NPIs, even if they use business associates, such as billing agencies, to prepare the transactions.

The NPI will replace health care provider identifiers that are in use today in standard transactions. Implementation of the NPI will eliminate the need for health care providers to use different identification numbers to identify themselves when conducting standard transactions with multiple health plans. Many health plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance issuers, and all health care clearinghouses must accept and use NPIs in standard transactions by May 23, 2007. Small health plans have until May 23, 2008. After those compliance dates, health care providers may use only their NPIs to identify themselves in standard transactions, where the NPI is called for.

You will be able to apply for your NPI in one of three ways:

- You may apply through an easy web-based application process, beginning May 23, 2005. The web address is <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>.
- You may prepare a paper application and send it to the entity that will be assigning the NPI (the Enumerator) on behalf of the Secretary, beginning July 1, 2005. A copy of the application, including the Enumerator's mailing address, will be available on <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. You may also call the Enumerator for a copy. The phone number is 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.
- With your permission, an organization may submit your application in an electronic file. This could mean that a professional association or perhaps a health care provider who is your employer could submit an electronic file containing your information and the information of other health care providers. This process will be available in the fall 2005.

Remember, you may apply for an NPI using only one of the ways described above. When gathering information for your application, be sure that all of your information, such as your social security number and Federal employer identification number, are correct. Once you receive your NPI, safeguard its use. The application form contains a Privacy Act Statement, which explains how we may disseminate the information collected in the application.

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You may receive notices about the NPI from many of the health plans with which you do business. Remember that you need apply only once for an NPI. The same NPI is used for every health plan.

The transition from existing health care provider identifiers to NPIs in standard transactions will occur over the next couple of years. We urge health care providers to apply for an NPI beginning on May 23, 2005. While the NPI must be used on standard transactions with health plans, other than small health plans, no later than May 23, 2007, health care providers should not begin using the NPI in standard transactions on or before the compliance dates until health plans have issued specific instructions on accepting the NPI. Health plans will notify you when you can begin using NPIs in standard transactions. You should be aware that health plans might request that you begin using your NPI prior to the compliance dates. Applying for an NPI does not replace any enrollment or credentialing processes with any health plan, including Medicare.

You may obtain information about the NPI at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2. This site contains Frequently Asked Questions and other information related to the NPI and other HIPAA standards.

Beginning May 23, 2005, we will also provide up-to-date information about the NPI, such as when and how to apply on the NPPES web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>, or you may call the Enumerator at 1-800-465-3203 or TTY 1-800-692-2326.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.